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United Nations Declaration-SCR127/SR83

Although these resolutions are narrowly tailored to protect and promote the human rights of the kanaka maoli, the indigenous people of Hawaii, the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a historic document that was drafted by the worldwide rights-holders. Thus, the Indigenous Peoples contributed to the process of developing and establishing international human rights standards.

Furthermore, a better understanding of divergent cultures and worldviews promotes respect between global communities and binds all collectively as one in peaceful coexistence.

Therefore, I fully support SCR127/SR83 because Hawaii as one fiftieth of the United States can motivate the rest of the Country to adopt the Declaration. The adoption would be a step toward reconciliation of a painful past to the creation of a bright future in which all people will be equal participants.

Mahalo,

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